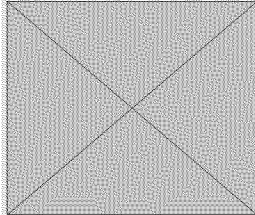


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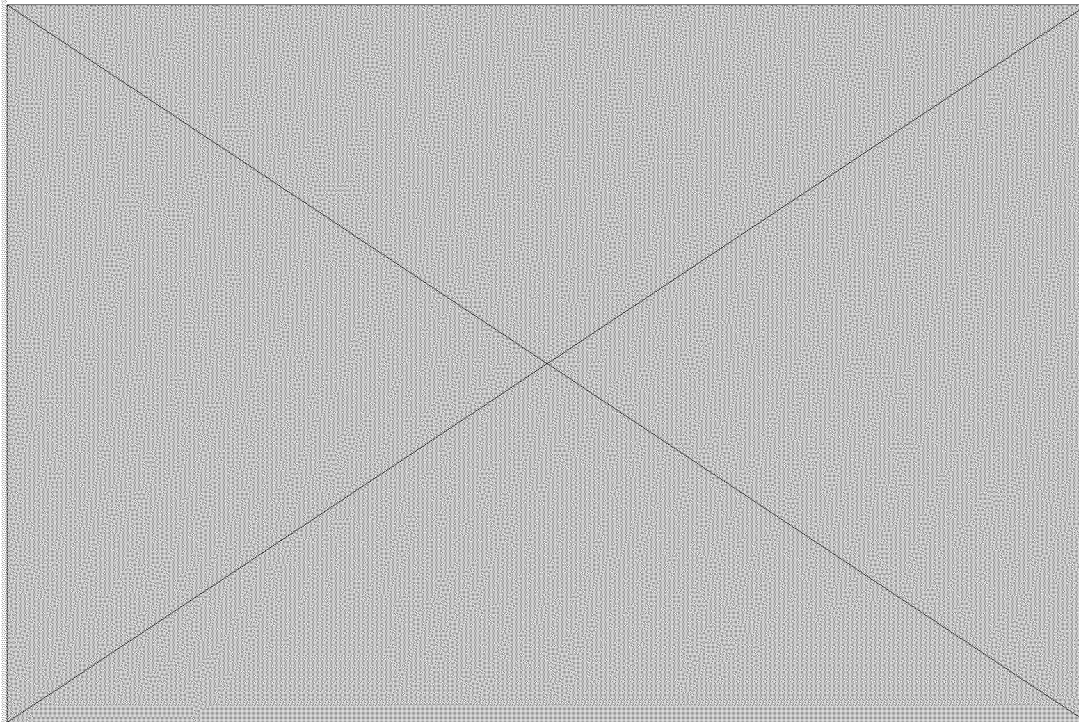
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Urge Bennett to Support S.1140, Withdrawal of the WOTUS Rule

Click [here](#) to write a letter.

The EPA has finalized their "waters of the United States" or WOTUS rule, expanding federal jurisdiction over waters across the United States. This final rule is subjective and places critical determinations of federal jurisdiction in the hands of federal regulators, leaving landowners uncertain of what will and will

not be regulated. What is NAQSAT and Why Should you Care? In conversations with EPA officials, explanations of the rule have been arbitrary, vague and inconclusive; going so far as to say that runoff from a stock tank may be regulated under the Clean Water Act as a "water of the United States."

The National Air Quality Site Assessment Tool (NAQSAT) was developed for livestock producers, their advisors, and conservation planners to identify opportunities for addressing air emissions from livestock and poultry operations. A series of private memos from the Army Corps of Engineers, released by the House Oversight Committee points to inconsistencies in the science behind this rule between the EPA and Army Corps. Among those involved in its development were CLA members Jon Slutsky, Bill Wailes and Bill Hammerich.

These memos by the Corps point out many of the flaws in this rule and the rulemaking that we have pointed out and that are the basis of our lawsuit against the EPA. NAQSAT is intended to provide assistance to livestock and poultry producers in determining the areas in their operations where there are opportunities to make changes that result in reduced air emissions.

[Read more](#)

While there is broad bi-partisan support in the Senate for legislation to Ditch the Rule, your Senators are key to this effort. Please click here to write a letter urging your Senators to support S. 1140. A draft letter is already provided, you can send it as is, or modify it to fit your operation and your concerns.

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Officials Believe Animas River Back to Pre-Incident Levels

Colorado governor John Hickenlooper drank water from the Animas River Wednesday to hopefully change perceptions about the water after the EPA spilled three million gallons of contaminated water from a nearby mine.

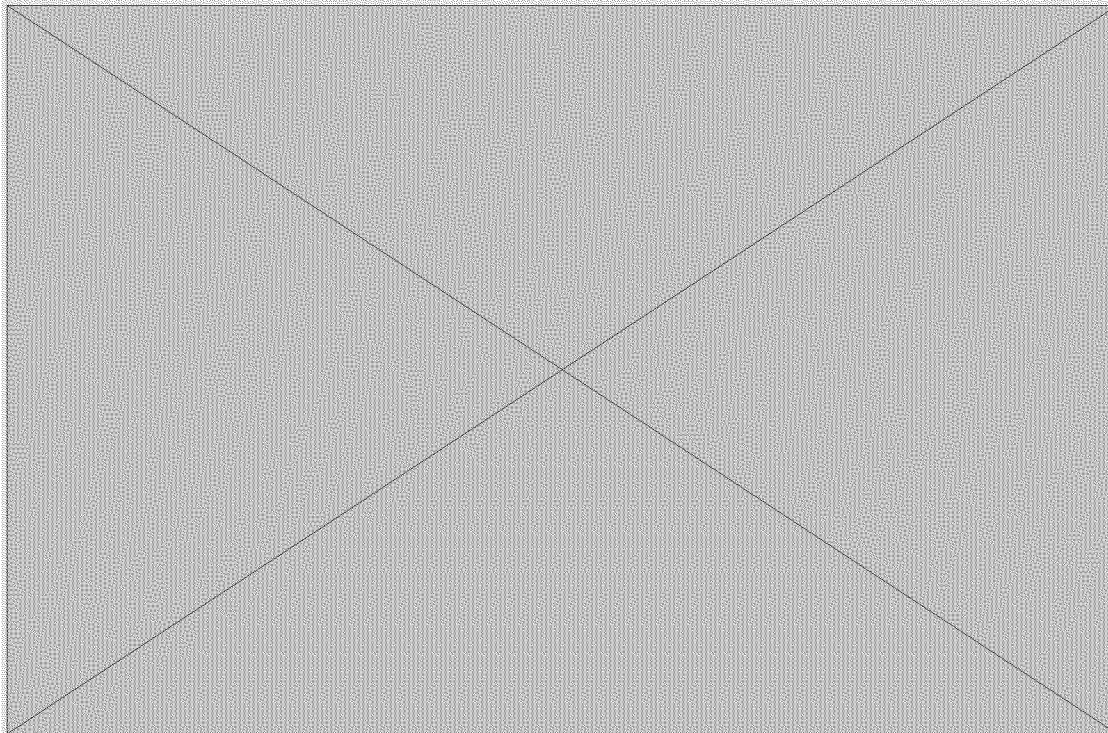
Hickenlooper says while the orange water caused by the spill hurt the state's image, "certainly we're grateful and happy that the water levels appear to be back to normal."

Dr. Larry Wolk, executive director of Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, said the state has been doing its own testing in addition to the EPA testing.

"We have our preliminary results back and at this point, we don't feel that there's any potential risk for human health," said Wolk. "Based on the preliminary results, the levels of the metals appear to have returned to pre-incident levels."

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A Day at the Farm with our State Legislator



On Tuesday, Representative Joann Ginal from House District 52 toured Colorado Livestock Association member operations to learn more about the cattle feeding and dairy industries. The tour group started off at JBS Kurer Feedyard in Kersey, cattle feeding operation managed by incoming CLA President, Nolan Stone. Nolan explained the day to day operations on the yard from the reason behind steam flaking corn to the reason for using a feed additive. The group traveled to a local dairy farm where research and teaching positions are being developed by two committees. Jason Ahle is chairing the committee for the Extension position with other committee members including Willie Alton, CLCA President, Brian Schier, Sallie Miller, Mit Thomas and John Wagner. The chair of the Beef Systems search committee is Mark Enns with members including Jim Docheff, Jr., Terry Engle, Jennifer Martin, Marshall Fraiser and Kraig Reel. We will share the job descriptions when they are approved and keep you informed as candidates are available for interviews. Having broad input on the selection process is highly desired!

Click here to view pictures from the day on our Facebook page!

Saturday August 15, 2015 Animal Sciences is hosting the Beef Club at the Animal Science Building for a social and beef sampling of the latest in high end hamburgers - Brisket, Ribeye, Short Rib and Sirloin! Social at 4:30 followed by sampling and dinner! Come meet our new Dean of the College of Agricultural Sciences, Dr. Ajay Menon. Everyone is welcome! Please RSVP to kevin.pond@colostate.edu

Upcoming CLA Events

Arkansas Valley Livestock Symposium

October 14, 2015

Otero Junior College, La Junta, CO

9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Safety Meeting Included

Northeast Livestock Symposium

November 10, 2015

Northeast Junior College, Sterling, CO

9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Safety Meeting Included

Burlington Safety Meeting

October 7, 2015

10:00-12:00

Burlington Community Center

Western Slope Safety Meeting

November 4, 2015

5:00pm-8:00pm

Camp Robbers, Montrose, CO

Greeley Safety Meeting

December 2, 2015

CLA Office, FMS Bank Building, Greeley, CO

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